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32/34. Question of East Timor

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The General Assembly,

Recognizing the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territory, 43/

Having heard the statements of the representatives of Portugal 44/ and Indonesia, 45/

Having also heard the statements of the representatives of the Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente, 46/

Mindful that all States should, in conformity with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter, refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or national independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

Deeply concerned at the continuing critical situation in the Territory, resulting from the persistent refusal on the part of the Government of Indonesia to comply with the provisions of the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 3485 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 and 31/53 of 1 December 1976 and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) of 22 December 1975 and 389 (1976) of 22 April 1976,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence and the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve that right;

2. Reaffirms its resolutions 3485 (XXX) and 31/53 and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976);

3. Rejects the claim that East Timor has been integrated into Indonesia, inasmuch as the people of the Territory have not been able to exercise freely their right to self-determination and independence,

4. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to keep the situation in the Territory under active consideration, to follow the implementation of the present resolution, to dispatch to the Territory as soon as possible a visiting mission with a view to the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session;

43/ A/32/23/Add.3, chap. X.

44/ A/C.4/32/SR.12, paras. 22-26.

45/ A/C.4/32/SR.19, paras. 4-58.

46/ A/C.4/32/SR.11, paras. 135-155 and A/C.4/32/SR.20, paras. 101-130.

5. Requests the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Special Committee, in the meantime to send urgently a special representative to East Timor for the purpose of making a thorough, on-the-spot assessment of the existing situation in the Territory and of establishing contact with the representatives of the Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente and the Government of Indonesia, as well as the Governments of other States concerned, in order to prepare the ground for a visiting mission of the Special Committee, and to report thereon to the Special Committee;

6. Draws the attention of the Security Council, in conformity with Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, to the critical situation in the Territory of East Timor and recommends that it should take all effective steps for the implementation of its resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976) with a view to securing the full exercise by the people of East Timor of their right to self-determination and independence;

7. Calls upon the Government of Indonesia and the leadership of the Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente to facilitate the entry into East Timor of the International Committee of the Red Cross and other relief organizations in order to assist the people of the Territory;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session the item entitled "Question of East Timor".

RECORDED VOTE ON RESOLUTION 32/34:

YES	ABSTAIN	NO
Afghanistan		
Albania		
Algeria		
Angola		
Argentina		
Australia		
Austria		
Bahamas		
Bahrain		
Bangladesh		
Barbados		
Belgium		
Benin		
Bhutan		
Bolivia		
Botswana		
Brazil		
Bulgaria		
Burma		
Burundi		
Byelorussian SSR		
Canada		
Cape Verde		
Central African Emp.		
Chad		
Chile		
China		
Colombia		
Comoros		
Congo		
Costa Rica		
Cuba		
Cyprus		
Czechoslovakia		
Democratic Kampuchea		
Democratic Yemen		
Denmark		
Djibouti		
Dominican Republic		
Ecuador		
Egypt		
El Salvador		
Equatorial Guinea		
Ethiopia		
Fiji		
Finland		
France		
Gabon		
Gambia		
German Dem. Rep.		
Germany, Fed. Rep.		
Ghana		
Greece		
Grenada		
Guatemala		
Guinea		
Guinea-Bissau		
Guyana		
Haiti		
Honduras		
Hungary		
Iceland		
India		
Indonesia		
Iran		
Iraq		
Ireland		
Israel	*	
Italy		
Ivory Coast		
Jamaica		
Japan		
Jordan		
Kenya		
Kuwait		
Lao Peoples Dem. Rep.		
Lebanon		
Lesotho		
Liberia		
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		
Luxembourg		
Madagascar		
Malawi		
Malaysia		
Maldives		
Mali		
Malta		
Mauritania		
Mauritius		
Mexico		
Mongolia		
Morocco		
Mozambique		
Nepal		
Netherlands		
New Zealand		
Nicaragua		
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Norway		
Oman		
Pakistan		
Panama		
Papua New Guinea		
Paraguay		
Peru		
Philippines		
Poland		
Portugal		
Qatar		
Romania		
Rwanda		
Samoa		
Sao Tome and Principe		
Saudi Arabia		
Senegal		
Seychelles		
Sierra Leone		
Singapore		
Somalia		
South Africa		
Spain		
Sri Lanka		
Sudan		
Surinam		
Swaziland		
Sweden		
Syrian Arab Republic		
Thailand		
Togo		
Trinidad and Tobago		
Tunisia		
Turkey		
Uganda		
Ukrainian SSR		
USSR		
United Arab Emirates		
United Kingdom		
Un. Rep. of Cameroon		
Un. Rep. of Tanzania		
United States		
Upper Volta		
Uruguay		
Venezuela		
Viet Nam		
Yemen		
Yugoslavia		
Zaire		
Zambia		

* Later advised the Secretariat it had intended to abstain.